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A collection of extraordinary interest to our knowledge of the Russian Empire, and especially to the review of the personal letters written by the Tsarina to the Tsar during 1918. Mr. Arthur Ransome, the special correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* in Russia, was sent for 24 hours a manuscript copy of 150 letters, originals of which are in the archives at Moscow. The letters show, he says, to how appalling an extent the Tsarina was isolated and how she was surrounded by a circle of sycophants and flatterers. The letters show, he says, to how appalling an extent the Tsarina was isolated and how she was surrounded by a circle of sycophants and flatterers.

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OUTSIDE MOSCOW

MILITARY LAND, SYNDICATE, AND A RED

PEACE

The Russian country side in spring is a relief after the drab atmosphere of Moscow. Nature is a better hand at reconstruction than we are. Perhaps that is why the peasants are mostly out of sympathy with the revolution and showing their worst side just now. The wooden huts in the villages are many of them brand new, and the couples of the churches gleam with gold.

For all the wealth of the towns has flowed out into the villages to buy food and there is no glut are stuffed with all the loot of a bankrupt civilization still in liquidation. Yesterday I was asked \$200 for a lot of white bread by an old peasant woman—about a month's wages for an average worker.

About twelve miles out is the Imperial estate of Likhov. The peasants have divided up the land, but the house is left much as it was when lived in by the Grand Duke Sergei. Now his house has become a convalescent home for overworked civil servants, and as Communist officials are immune from infection by the bourgeois opportunism of the Royalists, the rooms have been left just as they were, with photographs, albums, and other objects of Victorian verities.

The convalescent Communists eat on the broad terrace overlooking the woods and garden and the Moscow, played garden, given by the Grand Duke family. It was all the most impossible mixture of two incompatible worlds, and yet I felt I had seen it all before somewhere. When I came on a party of Communist courtiers playing croquet I knew where I was. It was Alice in Wonderland again. The same vivid vitality and shrewd illusion. There was the Duchess, and there was the Queen, there too, was the white rabbit. The King was there because he was in prison. And over it all I could see looming in the distance the Cheshire cat—the feline face and enigmatic grin of Lenin.

Supper was served in the Grand Duke's dining room, and though the hosts were drunk in milk and water, the speeches were beautiful. Demosthenes of the East and English demands for help from the workers of Russia. Descriptions of the miseries of the backward world were given by our delegates after their kind. Then came the songs to restore harmony. It was strange to hear the half-dramatic, half-distant melody of the Russian revolutionary hymn that I had last heard sung by a troop of girls being drilled in chains in Berlin now being changed as a "Dance" in the dissonance of some Russian who had made his journey and returned. The British rounded appropriately enough with "England, Arise," and after that dismal dirge, the International, had been intoned over the grave of King Bourgeois, we wound up with "Auld Lang Syne."

Which, in my opinion, would make a much better International anthem, especially with the usual ritual.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S CHOICE

It is stated that the Japanese Government has decided to appoint Mr. Eiki Hiroki, Minister to Sweden, who is now on his way to Japan on furlough, as Ambassador to Germany and his appointment will formally be made at his arrival in Tokyo. As soon as the Peace Treaty was signed Mr. Hiroki, who was then Japanese Ambassador to Washington, was appointed to Germany as Charge d'Affaires and as Minister of the Japanese Legation in Berlin. The Japanese Government has decided to appoint Mr. Hiroki to Germany.

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PHASE AFTER ROBBERY ECHO OF APRIL CRIME INTERESTING STORY OF POLICE PERSEVERANCE

On April 13th last, an armed robbery was committed at No. 28, Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, by four men. They entered the house at about midnight. The only inmates of the house at the time, a cook and a 15-year-old boy, were awakened by the sound of the robbers breaking the door of the house, but before they could arm themselves, the desperadoes burst into their cubicle, armed with daggers. The cook was overpowered and bound and gagged without much difficulty. When they came to tackle the youth, however, the robbers met with stout resistance. They tried to drive him into the kitchen and lock him in there, but being a robust lad, he fought every inch of the floor, in spite of the odds against him. Then one of the robbers stabbed him in the neck with his dagger, and the youth collapsed. Leaving him for dead, the robbers ransacked the house and made off with \$771 in property and money. Long after the robbers had departed, the cook managed to free himself and gave the alarm. The wounded youth was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where, in spite of medical attention, he died soon after admittance from loss of blood. The Police followed up what clues they could get, but did not succeed in arresting any of the robbers. Then, about a couple of months later, the police received information that the robbers were located in a place called Saiwui, near Canton, but by the time detectives arrived there the hunted men had disappeared, and were more or less disappeared. Nothing more was heard of them, and the case was given up as hopeless.

On Sunday morning one of the alleged robbers came down from Canton by train. Inspector Willis received information that same afternoon, and with some help, raided No. 6, Kennedy Street, Wanchai, and there arrested the man. When the place was searched, a fully loaded chamber revolver was found under the mattress of a bed. A further search resulted in the discovery on the premises of three pieces of stolen clothing, which were identified as the property of the inmates of No. 28, Catchick Street. Subsequently, when searched at the station, seven pawn tickets relating to seven other pieces of clothing, identified also as stolen from the same house, were found on the premises. These were recovered from various pawn shops.

Yesterday, the prisoner was brought before Mr. R. O. Hutchinson and formally charged with the murder of the youth U. Kwong, and armed robbery, together with three others who are not in custody. He pleaded "not guilty," and was remanded until September 14th, at 10 a.m.

INDECENT ADVERTISEMENTS CHINESE EDITOR FINED

Inspector McKay, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, summoned the editor of the San Po, a local Chinese daily, before Mr. N. L. Smith, yesterday, on the charge that he, on August 21st, had unlawfully published in the said newspaper certain indecent advertisements relating to some pills.

A representative of the newspaper appeared in Court and pleaded "guilty," on behalf of the editor. He said that the offence was committed through the carelessness of the sub-editor of the paper. Times the summons had been served, he said, the advertisement had been altered, and the editor regretted that the thing had happened.

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector McKay said that the same paper had been fined \$5 some time ago for a similar offence.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25, and cautioned the defendant to exercise more care in future.

ROCK FALLS ON VICTORIA HOSPITAL

CARELESS BLASTING OPERATIONS.
A Chinese contractor was fined \$10 by Mr. N. L. Smith, yesterday, for not exercising proper care during blasting operations. It was stated by the P.W.D. at the instance of which department the charge was made against the defendant, that a piece of rock fell on the roof of the Victoria Hospital, making a hole about one foot square. The covering which the defendant's folk used for the blasting was inadequate.

The Anglo-American Oil Company, Ltd., has made a gift of \$10,000 to the Weiministery of Education on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln at Washington on July 2nd.

NEIGHBOURS DISAGREE CASE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Mrs. Lina Solomon, a Kowloon resident, and her mother, were summoned before Mr. N. L. Smith yesterday by a Chinese woman living on the second floor of No. 114, Temple Street, Tsimshatsui, for disorderly conduct.

The first defendant said that on August 30th, at night, her mother (second defendant) who was living on the first floor of the house in question, could not sleep owing to the noise created by the complainant after a game of musical chairs.

Chairs were thrown about, and there was a lot of stamping of feet. Witnesses who happened to be in her mother's flat at the time, were woken up and told the complainant to stop the noise, as it was past midnight. The complainant told her to mind her own business and said that if her mother did not want to be disturbed, she should in future live on the top floor.

The complainant said that a few days before the trouble, Mrs. Solomon's sister came to witness a place at noon and accused her of having made a noise on the previous night, and warned her that she would have to stop it. Witness denied that she had made any noise, and had had words. After the girl left, Mrs. Solomon and her mother came upstairs and scolded witness, and dragging her downstairs they scolded her, tearing her coat. Mrs. Solomon's mother held witness while Mrs. Solomon struck her with a stool. Witness had had a lot of trouble with the defendants since they came to live under her, and they had often awoken her. On the night of August 30th, Mrs. Solomon again caused a disturbance in witness's place. This proved too much for her patience, and she sued Mrs. Solomon and her mother.

Mrs. Solomon denied that she had assaulted the complainant.

The Magistrate bound her and her mother over to keep the peace for six months in the sum of \$50 each.

Mrs. Solomon protested, saying that the complainant's husband had often challenged her mother to fight.

The Magistrate advised her to sue him if he did so again.

CONFIDENCE TRICKS.

FOOLISH WOMAN AND WILY MAN.

A Chinese woman, living in Tsimshatsui, reported to the Police Station, yesterday, Monday, that about 2.30 p.m., while she was out shopping, she met a man near Mongkok Market. He got into conversation with her, she was volunteered the information that he was a stranger, having arrived from Canton only a couple of hours ago, and produced what appeared to be a roll of bank notes and asked her to do him the favour of changing them into subsidiary coins, promising to give her a "cunah" for her trouble. She agreed. Before passing with the money, however, the man told her that she would have to give him some of her jewellery to hold as security. She handed him three pieces of jewellery valued at \$40. Handing her the money, the man told her to hurry as he had some pressing business. He promised to meet her at the place of their first meeting. When she got to the money, change and handed the roll of notes she discovered that she had been cheated. The "notes" turned out to be nothing more valuable than "scraps of paper." She rushed back to the spot where she had left the man, but the latter had disappeared with her jewels.

AMAB VICTIMISED

In another case an amah was the victim. She was sent out by her mistress to change \$10 worth of subsidiary coins. On the way she met a man who gave her a roll of notes to change, taking the \$10 as security. She took out her wits and, after the man had disappeared with her mistress's money.

ACCUSED BY PROXY.

AND A \$5 FINE

Some amusement was caused in Mr. Hutchinson's court, yesterday, when a Chinese woman living in Wan Po was charged for "letting" a dog without a licence.

The defendant denied that the dog was hers.

The Inspector said that when she was questioned by the Chinese detective she admitted ownership of the dog.

The defendant: "I did nothing of the sort. The dog belongs to the principal tenant of the house."

The Magistrate: "Why are she not here?"

The defendant: "I am here, and make her appear, you know?"

The Magistrate: "Are you taking the responsibility in the case?"

The defendant: "No. The principal tenant told me to appear in the case." She said that if the Court found her guilty, she would pay \$5 for the dog.

The Magistrate: "All right then, we will make it \$5." (Laughter.)

ORGAN REHEARSAL POPULAR PROGRAMME AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Mr. Dennis Fuller, Organist, St. John's Cathedral, yesterday, Monday, night, was certainly popular in the sense of drawing a large and varied audience. Most of the hymns played were also popular in the sense that some times wrongly given to the term by the super-critical. As a form of church music, the organ is a very popular one, and Mr. Fuller, who is a well-known Spohr solo and the equally well-known "Abide with Me" were heartily rendered. The only "high-brow" item on the programme was of course the Bach D major with which it opened. The Prelude and Postlude (Bach) most exquisite were composition, there is nothing about them of a grandiose or a balance are an intellectual treat. As usual, Mr. Fuller played it with the utmost circumspection and restraint. The Fugue is one of those almost playful ones with perfectly straight forward first and second subjects and no artificial or other complications, strangely reminiscent of a figure in some key in the "Forty-Eight." Except for the delightful Gullman "Berceuse" (did Gullman know "Rock-a-bye Baby" or is the resemblance a mere coincidence?) the remainder of the programme was familiar almost to banality. But we all love the old favourites and can appreciate the exquisite gradations of light and shade with which Mr. Fuller galvanised them to new life. How many of us had realised fully that bird-song at the end of Grieg's "Morning" for example.

Eggar's patriotic fervour leaves us cold or rather gives a hot feeling up the spine, as do Emure Day and the Oremus Club. However, it gave the Philistines something to whistle as they trotted for the Peak Tram.

MUSICUS.

PEAK RICHIA COOLIES AND A FARE

INTERESTING CASE

Inspector Purden, of Mount Gough Police Station, yesterday, charged at the Magistracy two richia coolies, playing for hire at the Peak with (1) using insulting language, and behaving in a disorderly manner, and (2) refusing to pay fare.

The prosecution story was that Mr. and Mrs. H. Dwyer, came up on the 7.40 tram on Monday night. On arriving at the top station, Mr. Dwyer wanted to engage the first defendant's vehicle which was the only one on the stand at the time, but he refused. Mr. Dwyer pushed down the shafts of the richia and put Mr. Dwyer in, and forced the first defendant to walk. Mr. Dwyer walking by the side of the vehicle. The first defendant had had language all the way. When they got past the Peak Hotel, Mr. Dwyer saw the second defendant's richia. He beckoned to him, but the first defendant shouted out some thing and the second defendant dashed away. Mr. Dwyer chased after him and found him to take him. Arrived at Mr. Dwyer's residence, No. 88, The Peak, Mr. Dwyer tendered the defendant the legal fare of 15 cents each, but the defendant refused to accept the money, so Mr. Dwyer took them to the station.

Mrs. Dwyer gave corroborative evidence and said that Mr. Dwyer had to hook the second defendant's leg with his stick before he stopped to take Mr. Dwyer.

Inspector Purden said that when Mr. Dwyer offered the defendant their fare at the station, they refused to accept the money.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Dwyer said that he had had a lot of trouble with richia coolies on the Peak lately. While he would not say that the defendants were the guilty persons before, there were several coolies who were always making trouble.

The Magistrate: "There is nothing special about this second defendant. Now, the first defendant was the cause of all the trouble."

The first defendant said that Mr. Dwyer did not beckon to him, but struck him on the leg with his stick. That was not the way to engage a richia. He was playing the stick, and would have certainly taken Mr. Dwyer had he called him, but he did not.

The second defendant said that he had not been asked to take the fare.

The Magistrate: "Then you and your wife were running in the station to take a fare?"

The Magistrate asked the first defendant \$5, but he refused to be of good behaviour for six months in the sum of \$50, and directed that he be not allowed to play for hire on the Peak during that period.

The second defendant was fined \$5, and cautioned not to run away in future when called upon to take a fare.

WEDDING STUART MCCUBBIN

At St. John's Cathedral, yesterday, the marriage was solemnized of Mr. James Stewart, of the Taiho Dockyard, with Mary, daughter of Mr. John McCubbin. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion and was filled with a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bridegroom being a popular and well-known footballer, and the bride an enthusiastic church worker. The service at church was fully choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white silk georgette, with white head trimmings, a charming satin train embroidered with silver, was suspended from the shoulders, and the train costume and a wreath of orange blossoms and white heather were surmounted with a tulle veil. The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Templeton. The bride wore a costume of pale blue net with silver trimmings and a lace hat with silver trimmings and a lace hat. Mr. George Gerrard acted as best man. After the ceremony the happy couple, who were the recipients of the good wishes and congratulations of many friends, left for the Repulse Bay Hotel for their honeymoon, the bride's going-away dress being of rose pink crepe-de-chine, with hat to match.

Receptions will be held on September 28th and 29th.

SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS WAR MEMORIAL

We are asked by Major F. Fisher, M.S.V.R., of Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States, to give publicity to an appeal on behalf of the Seaforth Highlanders War Memorial.

During the War approximately 50,000 of all ranks served in the Seaforth Highlanders; of these over 8,000 were killed in action and a very large number so seriously wounded as to be considerably handicapped on return to civil life.

It will thus be seen that there are two large classes to be cared for—the widows and fatherless children and the wounded and disabled soldiers with his impaired health and lessened capacity for making his way in the world.

The need of help is great and increasing and is of the most varied character. Every case is dealt with on its merits. The funds collected will be applied to the following purposes:

- (1) A comprehensive scheme of "Grants in Aid" for which at least \$40,000 is required. This sum judiciously administered over the next 40 years, should expand existing War funds sufficiently to meet all needs.
- (2) A subscription to the Scottish National Memorial, Edinburgh Castle Square.
- (3) Regimental Memorials (each memorial to be in the form of an Iona Cross, similar to that erected at Dingwall after the South African War) to be put up:

- (1) At the Point du Jour, Vimy Ridge, France.
- (2) At a site to be selected in the Regimental District.

There is a strong desire on the part of relatives and friends of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men who have been killed to institute a personal memorial which will perpetuate memories of those that are gone by helping those with whom they served. It is proposed to give effect to this by instituting a number of Memorial Bequests of a minimum of £100 each.

General subscriptions to the fund will be expended at the discretion of the Association Committee.

Memorial Bequests (£100 and over) will be expended on some specific object selected by the organizers of the memorial. The objects selected should, as a general rule, fall within the following headings:—

- (a) Provision for dependents of deceased soldiers and their families.
- (b) Assistance to married soldiers and their families.
- (c) Members of specified communities, such as clubs, battalions, parishes, etc., or (d) Be left to the discretion of Association.

All Seaforth men and friends of the Regiment are urged to contribute generously and the sum required is large. This appeal is made for the Seaforths of every locality—Regular, Territorial and New Army—and to commemorate those who gave their lives in the Great War. They gave everything, we that are left can at least ensure that their widows and heirs need never ask for charity nor feel the want of a natural protector as long as the Seaforth Highlanders' Memorial Fund (Major F. Fisher, M.S.V.R., Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S.B.) All cheques should be crossed. All work in connection with the fund will be unpaid, but there will be a few small charges for stamps, stationery, etc.

COLLUSION FOR NEGROES

The United States authorities have recently discovered a great conspiracy organized at Moscow to spread Bolshevism among the negroes of America. A special inquiry, headed by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, has been directed against the carrying out of this large number of negroes to be recruited into the ranks of the propaganda purposes.

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LATEST CABLES.

KATTOWITZ SENSATION. RESULT OF ALLIED SEARCH.

Warsaw, September 21st.
It is reported that the Allied search of the German prefecture of police at Kattowitz resulted in the discovery of a considerable store of arms and ammunition and confidential documents. The search of the headquarters of the German militants (sic) likewise, led to a find of "astounding" documents.

THE POLISH SITUATION. REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN LITHUANIA.

London, September 21st.
The Polish-Lithuanian situation is most confusing.
Berlin persists in announcing fighting and publishes a Lithuanian semi-official communiqué declaring that the Lithuanians succeeded in driving back the Poles 2,500 yards on the entire Grodno-Suwalki front and gave the names of various places captured.

EARLIER CABLES.

REPORTED LITHUANIAN ATTACK.

London, September 21st.
The Poles at length admit that they are having trouble with Lithuania. A communiqué issued at Warsaw yesterday says Lithuanian detachments crossed the frontier laid down by Lord Curzon and attacked Polish cavalry. The communiqué remains silent regarding the outcome of the fighting.

POLES ATTEMPT TO CUT OFF RETREAT.

Warsaw, September 21st.
The Reds who were endeavouring to envelop Lemberg are now retreating. The Poles are endeavouring to cut off General Budny's retreat.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

Warsaw, September 21st.
It is announced that negotiations regarding the frontier and the future relations of Poland have been broken off, and the Polish delegates are returning to Warsaw. The Supreme Council has informed the Lithuanians that they propose a new line of demarcation running through Margrabovo, Angustovo and Stungyn. It is understood that the Lithuanians place the responsibility for hostilities upon the Poles and contend that the Lithuanians were compelled to defend themselves. On the contrary, the Poles claim that the Lithuanians fired first.

BRITISH SHIP REFUSED PASSAGE THROUGH KIEL CANAL.

Berlin, September 21st.
The *Volzische Zeitung* reports that a British steamer bound from France to Danzig was refused a passage through the Kiel Canal, on the ground that she was carrying a thousand tons of munitions to Poland.

EX-KAISER UNREPENTANT. SIGNS AS "EMPEROR AND KING."

London, September 21st.
That the ex-Kaiser is still unrepentant is shown by his telegram in answer to congratulations from the Association of German Officers on the occasion of the anniversary of the Battle of Tannenberg. He says: "I heartily thank the officers for their loyal remembrance, and would that the Fatherland might have another Tannenberg—Wilhelm, Emperor and King."

AMERICAN MINERS. PROSPECTS OF STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

London, September 21st.
The *Times* Washington correspondent says he is entertained that the anthracite workers' strike will end during the present week. The men are reported to be following the advice of their Union leaders who have not sanctioned the strike.

The American Federation of Labour announces that any subsidiary organization joining the unauthorized strike will be struck off its list.

AMERICAN HOUSING CRISIS. SERIOUS OUTLOOK IN NEW YORK.

London, September 21st.
The *Daily Chronicle's* New York correspondent says that the approach of October 1st, the general annual moving day, seen New York faced with the most serious housing crisis. It is estimated that 100,000 families are moving voluntarily, but thousands others, who have been given notice to quit, are unable to find new quarters. It is expected that altogether nearly half a million persons will be homeless. Matters have been complicated by a strike of furniture removals.

BRESLAU CONTRETEMPS. FULL SATISFACTION PROMISED.

Paris, September 21st.
A Havas message says:—
The German Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Prussian Home Minister called personally upon the French Ambassador to offer apologies for the Breslau happenings, giving also an assurance that the French demands will receive full satisfaction.

OFFICIAL DISMISSED.

It is semi-officially announced that the Prussian Government has dismissed Eugen Ernst, who is described as the Social Democratic Police President of Breslau, in connection with the affair mentioned on the 1st instant. Ernst says he was absent at the time of the outbreak and he was relieved by officers who were directly responsible. Eleven arrests have been made.

GERMANY APOLOGISES TO FRANCE.

Berlin, September 21st.
The German Foreign Minister and the Prussian Minister of the Interior visited the French Embassy and expressed to the French Ambassador the apologies of the German Government for the attack on the French Consulate at Breslau.

BATTLE OF MARNE ANNIVERSARY. CELEBRATIONS AT MEAUX.

Paris, September 21st.
Yesterday's celebration of the Battle of the Marne centred at Meaux, where M. Millerand, Marshal Foch, Marshal Joffre and Marshal Pétain attended. Mass was celebrated by the Archbishop of Rheims, after which there was a banquet which was attended by Allied representatives.

M. MILLERAND'S ORATION.

Paris, September 21st.
A Havas message says:—M. Millerand, Marshal Foch and Marshal Pétain, also the Minister for War, and many civil and military officials attended the Meaux ceremony commemorating the Marne victory.
M. Millerand, in a speech, eulogized the soldiers of 1914, winding up with a ringing appeal for concord and harmony in overcoming the present difficulties in reconstruction.

MINERS' STRIKE MENACE. POSSIBLE MEDIATION BY IMPARTIAL BOARD.

London, September 21st.
The *Sunday Times* publishes an interview with Mr. Smillie, the miners' leader, expressing willingness to accept mediation by an impartial board on the principle of wages being granted commensurate with the real increase in the cost of living and the reduction in the cost of living, preferably brought about by the diminution in the price of coal. Sir Robert Horne has welcomed Mr. Smillie's statement, which he hoped would lead to a settlement.

VIEWS OF TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

London, September 21st.
The eagerly-awaited Trade Union Congress, which it is hoped will avert the threatened coal strike by securing a mediation between the miners and the Government, opened at Portsmouth to-day. In the presence of over 800 delegates, Mr. H. Thomas, M.P., delivered his presidential address. He said that looking at the position as home and abroad he would, indeed, be an optimist who could find occasion for anything but apprehension. Mr. Thomas went on to justify the formation of the Council of Action, and declared that the Council was determined to see that the objects for which it was erected, namely, the complete independence of Poland and peace with Russia, was carried out, and having done that, it would be content with the result of its labours. Mr. Thomas did not believe that the workers were anxious to fight against the consolidation of Capitalist interests, merely for the sake of fighting, but the other side must clearly understand that the years of sacrifice which had placed the worker in the position he holds to-day must not be lost and that they would be prepared, not as a section but as a movement, to accept any challenge to their industrial freedom or economic emancipation.

Mr. Thomas, referring to Ireland, said: The position in Ireland to-day is dangerous, and, sooner or later, cannot fail to result in open conflict, the effects of which would shake the very foundations of the Empire. The Irish people can still be made friends of England. Let the Government drop the present Bill and cement that friendship with a bold and clear recognition of Dominion Home Rule. Let the Government realise that militarism in Ireland had failed as it was bound to fail. You cannot drag on a nation by the sword.

SIR ROBERT HORNE'S VIEWS.

London, September 21st.
As regards Mr. Smillie's declaration last evening, accepting the principle of mediation, Sir Robert Horne interviewed, said the Government would gladly let the Industrial Court decide concerning the miners' demand for increased wages, and the Court, if the miners desired, could include representatives of the employers and also miners.

Sir Robert Horne was of opinion that the Miners' Federation objected to an Industrial Court, but pointed out that nearly all the other great Trade Unions of the country had resorted to it, and that the Court, in recent times, had proved of great efficacy.

Sir Robert Horne added that Mr. Smillie's statement appeared to offer a loophole for an ultimate settlement, even falling a reference to the Industrial Court. Finally, he emphasized that the supreme necessity at present was the production of coal, and that increased production would justify a reconsideration of the whole wage question.

SOCIALISATION OF MINES IN GERMANY.

Berlin, September 21st.
The so-called Socialisation Committee has concluded its deliberations on the question of socialising the coal-mines. The opinion of the Committee is divided, one party favouring an immediate and complete socialisation, while the other proposes a gradual socialisation with present retention of private capital. The Committee was unanimous of opinion that a far-reaching elimination of the capitalist profits of coal-mining was required.

The majority Report recommends the formation of an Imperial Coal Council which will take over all the profits to the State and fix the prices. The Council will include representatives of officials, miners and consumers.

IRISH UPHEAVAL. SINN FEINNERS NEW BUREAU.

London, September 21st.
An official report from Dublin announces a new Sinn Féin bureau. Sinn Féin, wearing military uniforms, appeared at the Police Barracks at Boland's Fort, and the building was surrounded by troops. The Sinn Féin men were armed with revolvers and prepared the Garrison when they looked up in an outbreak. Others, meanwhile, locked the doors of a church where the remainder of the Garrison were attending Mass. The raiders subsequently drove off in automobiles with all arms and equipment.

THE CASE OF THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN.

London, September 21st.
Mr. Bonar Law, replying to the Labour Party's appeal for the release of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, said that Mr. McSwiney was one of the leaders of the Irish Republican Army which had declared itself at war with the forces of the Crown, and according to his own written word in one of the seditious documents in his possession for which he was convicted, he and his followers were determined to pursue their ends, taking for no mercy and making no compromise. He was arrested while actively conducting the affairs of the rebel organisation under the cover of a Mayoral court. Had he been taken at his word and dealt with as an avowed rebel according to the circumstances of his capture, he would have been liable immediately to be shot. Instead, he was tried by a legally constituted tribunal and sentenced to a moderate term of imprisonment and given immediately all the privileges of a political prisoner.

From the moment of his arrest, he sought to defeat the ends of justice and reduce the authority of the Crown to impotence by refusing food, so doubt in the belief that that course would lead to his speedy release. It is the duty of the Government not only to take every step possible to suppress disorder in Ireland, but also to protect those brave men who are carrying on their duties as servants of the Crown in daily peril of their lives. To release prisoners, who, like the Lord Mayor, had been guilty of complicity in a movement which uses as one of its main instruments assassination and outrage, would be nothing short of a betrayal of those loyal officers on whose devotion to duty the fabric of social order in Ireland rests. Since the arrest of the Lord Mayor, many officers have been brutally and treacherously done to death without even a chance of defending themselves. Sympathy which had been given to such full measure to the Lord Mayor, whose condition had been brought about by his own deliberate act, is due rather to the bereaved widows and families of murdered Irish policemen.

The Government fully realises how large a part sentiment plays in all human affairs, and if it were possible, they would gladly have taken the attitude of the English King who said of his opponent: "He is determined to make himself a martyr, and I am equally determined to prevent it." Greatly of the Government sympathies with those who desire to see peace and order restored in Ireland, they cannot take a course, which, as the Prime Minister has said, would inevitably lead to a complete breakdown of the whole machinery of law and government. The policy of the Government had been made clear from the outset, and if the Lord Mayor dies in prison the responsibility will rest in some degree upon those who, by their repeated appeals, have encouraged the belief that the Government would prove lenient in their determination and in the hope that, notwithstanding all declarations to the contrary, this misguided action would lead eventually to his release.

It is reported that the condition of Mr. McSwiney was unchanged this evening.

NEW YORK MAYOR CABLES THE PREMIER.

New York, September 21st.
Mayor Hyland has cabled to Mr. Lloyd George urging him not to disregard our war aims by further imprisoning the Lord Mayor whose heroic fortitude has won the admiration of all who believe in the rule of the people by the people.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S REPLY.

London, September 21st.
Mr. Lloyd George, replying to the request by Mayor Hyland of New York for the release of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, said: "The policy of the Government has been made clear from the outset, and if the Lord Mayor dies in prison the responsibility will rest in some degree upon those who, by their repeated appeals, have encouraged the belief that the Government would prove lenient in their determination and in the hope that, notwithstanding all declarations to the contrary, this misguided action would lead eventually to his release."

COUNTY CRICKET.

London, September 21st.
The following is the result of the County Championship of the 1933 season:—
Yorkshire beat the M.C.C. by 10 runs.
The South beat the North by 45 runs.

SITUATION IN MESOPOTAMIA. MORE TRAINS HELD UP.

London, September 21st.
A War Office communiqué states that an unarmoured train and a train with refugees were held up by Arab bands at Isahab, 10 miles north-west of Bagdad. As the railway line was cut in two places, strong resistance was encountered from the insurgents who entrenched themselves behind some broken ground. Slight casualties were suffered. A repair train with troops is proceeding to Isahab to extricate the stranded trains and aeroplanes are co-operating.

A column entered Kirkuk, encountering slight opposition. The town of Samarrah is quiet and the insurgents who invested it are reported to have retired.

ANOTHER POLITICAL OFFICER MURDERED.

Bombay, September 21st.
Captain G. H. Salmon, of the 51st Devonshire Regiment, Assistant Political Officer at Kifra, whom Arab tribesmen captured last week, has been murdered. Anxiety has been renewed as regards Captain Lloyd and Mrs. Buchanan who were captured on August 30th.

FRENCH TROOPS IN DAMASCUS.

Arab tribes in Hama have come to a mutual agreement to attack the French in Damascus. It is stated that French troops sent to Hama recently were defeated and Damascus is now retreating. There are about 12,000 troops in Damascus.

BRUSSELS FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

London, September 21st.
The League of Nations announces that the Committee connected with the Brussels Financial Conference will meet in Paris on September 18th to examine the principles on which expenses of the League should be distributed among the members. The Committee will include a representative of India.

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

The League's Transit and Organization Committee will meet at Barcelona in January to deal with questions affecting international travel with a view to eliminating the present inconveniences, to re-establish normal conditions, simplify the customs formalities, and secure better regulations for obtaining passports, and visas, and the reduction of fees for such. Ex-territory countries are invited to send representatives of a special sub-committee.

ELECTRICAL TRADES DISPUTE.

London, September 21st.
As regards the Electrical Trades lock-out, the Minister of Labour made a statement this evening that as the resumed negotiations, which had continued since September 3rd, had failed to end the dispute, he had decided in view of public anxiety and the desirability of furnishing the public with an impartial statement on the question, to appoint, under the Industrial Courts Act of 1919, a Court of Inquiry to investigate the cause and circumstances of the dispute. The Minister has suggested to both parties, pending the report of the Court of Inquiry, a suspension of work by the strikers and the suspension of the lock-out notices by the employers.

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THE WAR ON MALARIA. FRENCH SCIENTIST'S NEW METHOD.

Some further details have been obtained from the Pasteur Institute of the method recently announced by M. Roubaud, of destroying the malarial mosquito by spraying the water where it breeds with powdered formalin.

M. Roubaud points out that his method is only intended for the destruction of the Anopheles mosquito, the most dangerous of all the species, because it transmits the germ of malaria in a very peculiar way. The larvae of this species feed on the surface of the water. Their nourishment consists of organic matter, particularly the waste of man and animals, which they absorb from the water. The water is then contaminated by the waste, which is the source of the malarial germ. The method consists in spraying the water with powdered formalin, which kills the larvae and thus prevents the spread of the disease.

A CORRECTION.

London, September 21st.
In the *Sinclair* message announcing the forthcoming visit of the Crown Prince of Spain to India, it was erroneously stated that the Prince would be accompanied by the Spanish General Staff.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH ATHLETES MEET.

London, September 21st.
The Queen's Club ground at West Kensington was packed this afternoon with spectators to watch the great athletic team between the British Empire and American champions, mostly members of the Olympic teams, including the prize-winners. The programme included five relay races.

The British Empire won the Half a Mile Relay Race by six yards, in 1 min. 22.3 seconds.

The British Empire also won the Two Miles Relay Race by 35 yards, in 1 min. 55.1 seconds.

Earl Thompson, a Canadian competing for the British Empire, won the 150 yards Hurdles in 14.5 seconds, which was a record. America won the Four Hundred Yards Relay Race.

The British Empire won the Mile Relay Race by six yards, in 3 min. 19.3 seconds.

In the High Jump Howard Baker (England) won, jumping off 3 feet 10 inches. London (America) was second, his height being off 2 feet 10 inches.

America won the 400 yards Relay Race by twelve yards, in 29 seconds.

America won the Two Miles Team Race. In the Broad Jump, the Americans Hamilton and Marchant, tied for first place with a jump of twenty-two feet each.

The 400 Yards Hurdles was won by Smart (America) who beat Woff (America) by a foot, the time being 58.7 seconds.

The Four Miles Relay Race was won by America, by seventy yards, in 16 min. 8.4 seconds.

The match thus resulted in a tie, each side winning five events.

CHINESE MARKETS. DEMAND FOR AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS.

A correspondent at Hobart, writing to *The Times*, "Trade Supplement," says that according to the Australasian manager of the Hongkong Mercantile Co., Ltd., Mr. A. N. Bishop, who has been visiting China at present for the sale of various commodities which Australia can supply. "I am, however, turned to the fact that the demand for Australian products, and as the Southern ports of the Commonwealth are only about twelve days' steaming from Hongkong, the geographical position of Australia is exceptionally favourable for trade with China. Mr. Bishop's mission is to ascertain the possibilities of arranging for the shipment to China of large consignments of iron and canned fruits, as well as of timber and such other products as may be suitable. He stated that the depletion of the available timber supplies had created a special demand for Tasmanian hardwood, and a single order for 157,000 railway sleepers for the Canton railways now under construction. Mr. Bishop also stated that whilst fruit was much sought after, prices of 30s. per case at Singapore and 50s. per case at Hongkong did not allow of general purchase. He mentioned that the Hongkong Mercantile Co., Ltd., controlled a fleet of 35 steamers, and was making every endeavour to provide for the transport of perishable goods in refrigerated chambers. It was at present negotiating with the Commonwealth for the purchase of five wooden steamers. Timago could be provided for everything, Tasmania had to offer."

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